

Mrs. Helen C. Sullivan
Director of Registration
Room 33 State House
Boston, Massachusetts

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Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

The Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing have the honor to submit to you its annual report for the year ending June 30, 1964.

Two examinations were conducted during the year for registration as Embalmer, one on October 1, 1963 and the other on March 3, 1964. A total of 66 candidates were examined. Of this number 50 were successful and issued certificates of registration.

Two examinations were conducted during the year for registration as Funeral Director, one on January 7, 1964 and the other on June 2, 1964. A total of 58 candidates were examined. Of this number 50 were successful and issued certificates of registration.

On May 18 and 19, 1964 at the Schine Inn, Chicopee, the Board sponsored the Dissemination of Knowledge Annual Clinic. Mr. Lawrence R. Volpe, Jr., was the Chairman. As the result of a very successful Clinic held in 1963, Mr. Volpe secured the services of Mr. Louis J. Fitzpatrick, Dodge Chemical Company to conduct this Clinic. Morning and afternoon sessions were held on both days. These sessions included demonstrations and lectures on the actual technique of embalming. The number attending the Clinic was very pleasing to the Board and the Embalmers, Funeral Directors and registered Apprentices who were able to avail themselves of this opportunity, received new and useful information in the field.

During the year, the attention of the Board was directed to the Massachusetts Memorial Society, Inc., 874 Beacon Street, Boston. It was discovered that this Society was contacting Funeral Directors and soliciting advertisements and endorsement of pre-arranged funerals. Names of funeral directors appeared in these advertisements and prices of funerals quoted. Price advertising is in violation of Chapter 112 G.L., Section 84. In an effort to put an end to such violation, the Board conducted a hearing on March 24, 1964. The Funeral Directors involved, the officers of the Society and also representatives of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association appeared at this meeting.

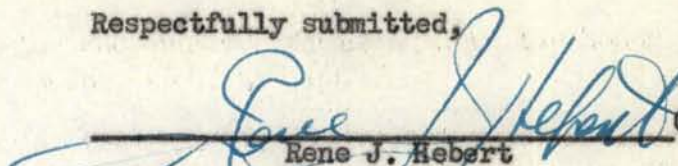
Considerable time and effort was spent by the Board in making certain that these Funeral Directors and the Society thoroughly understood that such violations must be discontinued. In each individual case, the Funeral Director brought out the fact that they talked with these people but that no written consent was given or any agreement signed which would justify the Society using the Funeral Director's name in any form of advertisement.

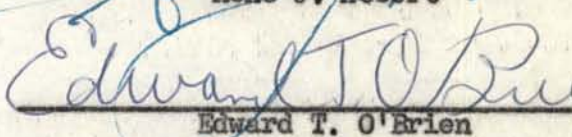
As a result of this hearing, much has been accomplished and it is the opinion of the Board that the Society as well as the Funeral Directors will give complete co-operation and for that reason, the profession throughout the State will be protected as intended and has been the aim of the Board with regard to law enforcement.

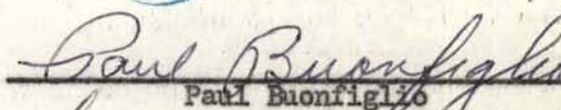
At the annual meeting of the Board held on October 1, 1963, Mr. Rene J. Hebert was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Edward T. O'Brien was elected Secretary for the same period.

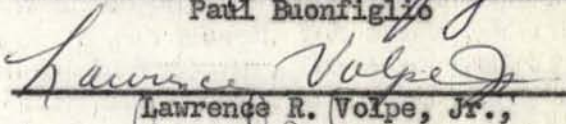
Mr. Michael J. Conway, Millville, whose term expired October 1, 1963 is still serving as a Member of the Board. To date, His Excellency Endicott Peabody has not re-appointed Mr. Conway for a term of 5 years, nor has he named a successor.

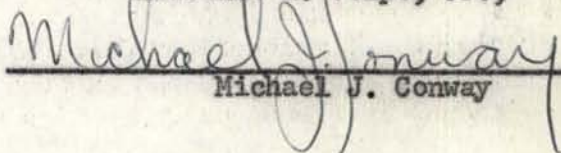
Respectfully submitted,


Rene J. Hebert Chairman


Edward T. O'Brien Secretary


Paul Buonfiglio Member


Lawrence R. Volpe, Jr., Member


Michael J. Conway Member



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Department of Civil Service and Registration

Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN EMBALMING AND FUNERAL DIRECTING

Fees received from various sources for the year ending June 30, 1964

\$31,851.00

Account No.

1409-01-01

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EXPENDITURES

Members' Services

\$8125.00

Members' Travel

3550.42

(Accounts Payable)

949.58

Dissemination of Knowledge

(Accounts Payable)

500.00

OFFICE EXPENSES

Account No.

1403-02

Office Expenses

\$1241.08

(Accounts Payable)

88.20

Personal Services

\$20,753.20

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. O'Brien

Edward T. O'Brien, Secretary